WHEREAS, we as citizens of our beloved country enjoy the freedom, and unparalleled prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the value and dignity of our way of life ; that patriotism is an honored and hallowed tradition that needs constant renewal; and

WHEREAS, there is much to be gained by being "FOR" something rather than against; that what we do speaks louder than what we say; and

WHEREAS, love of country and its ideals is something most of us feel but few of us show; and

WHEREAS, our Nation has been richly endowed with great natural resources; its citizens have a proud heritage of great ideals and principles; and

WHEREAS, no nation in the world has ever had the privilege and responsibility of maintaining the immense wealth of resources that is America's; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and appreciate their proud heritage and bountiful blessings; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, men and women who fought together in World War II formed AMVETS, a new veterans' organization; and

WHEREAS, the AMVETS motto, "We fought together, now let's build together" has attracted many veterans as the organization has turned its attention toward community welfare, national and international affairs; and

WHEREAS, during the national observance of Veterans Day, the AMVETS and AMVETS Auxiliary appeal to all citizens to reassess the important individual freedom and security they enjoy due in part to the sacrifices of the men and women who have served their country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23-29, 1972 as

LOVE AMERICA WEEK

in the State of South Dakota and encourage all citizens to take part in appropriate celebrations and ceremonies being held during this week to honor veterans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 18th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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